

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1187  
By DeBerry J

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and memory of Ouida Heady Landon and commend her laudable service to Freed-Hardeman University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor the memory of those inimitable public servants who dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ouida Heady Landon was one such exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to advance her community and Freed-Hardeman University; and

WHEREAS, born in Gallatin, the daughter of Silas Enloe Heady and Mattie Louise VanTrease Heady, Mrs. Landon was a 1955 graduate of Gallatin High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Tennessee at Memphis in 1959; and

WHEREAS, commencing upon an illustrious tenure at Freed-Hardeman University in the fall of 1959, Mrs. Landon served the school with great acumen and alacrity in a variety of capacities until her retirement in 2000; she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Freed-Hardeman University in May 2002; and

WHEREAS, soon after joining the faculty of Freed-Hardeman University, Miss Ouida Heady became acquainted with a fellow faculty member, Dr. Robert Landon, who at that time was teaching in the Physical Science Department; the couple quickly became friends and were married a short time later in 1960; and

WHEREAS, the blessed union of their marriage produced two daughters, Joyce and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, during the regular school year, Mrs. Landon served as the Campus Nurse in addition to teaching Home Health courses; she spent her summers working at the Freed-

Hardeman's Mid-South Youth Camp as the Camp Nurse; she acted as Co-Director of the Camp for more than fifteen years before her retirement, and also served on its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, always striving to help better the campus community of Freed-Hardeman in any possible way, Mrs. Landon was known for bringing food to the sick and taking care of elderly former faculty members who lived in Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Landon utilized her many talents to the great benefit of the University and was actively involved with scholarship fundraising endeavors with the Freed-Hardeman Associates, an organization in which she held various offices and served as Chair for numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, alongside her husband, Mrs. Landon devoted more than four decades of outstanding service to Freed-Hardeman University, its students, faculty, administration, and staff in addition to serving the Henderson Community as a civic-minded citizen; and

WHEREAS, the Family and Consumer Sciences building, where Mrs. Landon spent a great deal of her time, was renovated in the summer of 2000, and is soon to be renamed the Thomas-Landon House in honor of the myriad contributions made to Freed-Hardeman University by Dr. and Mrs. Landon and close family friends, Dr. John David Thomas and the late Mrs. Reba Thomas; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian woman, Mrs. Landon was a member of the Henderson Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary citizen and a pillar of her community, Mrs. Landon always sought to help others and always endeavored to better Henderson; and

WHEREAS, although Mrs. Landon passed away in November 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer, her memory will continue to be an indelible part of the proud legacy of Freed-Hardeman University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Landon epitomized the spirit of a true Tennessean and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to reflect fondly upon her life of purpose and commitment and acknowledge and applaud her myriad contributions to the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we honor the life and memory of Ouida Heady Landon and commend her  
laudable service and myriad contributions to Freed-Hardeman University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.